



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
GROUP ART UNIT 1763
PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/911,741
Applicant : Kouji Tometsuka
Filed : July 25, 2001
TC/A.U. : 1763
Examiner : R. N. Kackar

Docket No. : TOME3001/JDB
Customer No. : 23364

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended to October 28, 2003, by filing a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and paying the required fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

Remarks/Arguments are found on the attached page having the heading "Remarks/Arguments".